

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS W. HIRD,

Defendant.

**4:19CR3038**

**ORDER**

Defendant has advised the court that he currently has Covid-19 symptoms and is awaiting test results. He has been instructed by his doctor to remain in quarantine until October 29, 2020. (See attached). His trial cannot proceed beginning on October 26, 2020 as currently scheduled. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1) Trial of this case is continued pending further order of the court. A hearing to reschedule the trial will be set before the undersigned magistrate judge. Defendant, defense standby counsel, and counsel for the government shall attend.
- 2) Motions by the defendant shall be mailed to the court. Except under urgent circumstances, the court will not consider emailed communications as motions requesting a judicial ruling. Other than motions for trial subpoenas, copies of all motions or urgent email communications sent to the court must be simultaneously sent to counsel for the government.
- 3) Defendant's motion for reconsideration emailed to the court today was not properly served on the government and has not been filed. If Defendant requests a ruling, he must mail the document to the clerk for filing, with a copy sent to counsel for the government.
- 4) The ends of justice served by continuing the trial outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, and the additional time arising as a result of the granting of the motion, the time between today's date and the new trial date, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirements of the Speedy Trial Act, because although counsel have been duly diligent, additional time is needed to adequately prepare this case for trial and failing to grant additional time might result in a miscarriage of justice. 18 U.S.C. §

3161(h)(1) & (h)(7). Failing to timely object to this order as provided under this court's local rules will be deemed a waiver of any right to later claim the time should not have been excluded under the Speedy Trial Act.

October 20, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Cheryl R. Zwart  
United States Magistrate Judge